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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT: Communications and Electronic Data Processing Equipment

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Assistant Director, OSA. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. A selection of the EDP/Communications network required to support the OSA Electronic Data Processing Program is necessary at this time in order to meet the programmed operational date. A comprehensive research and analysis study of available equipment has been completed by personnel of the Automation Branch, OSA, in close coordination with equipment manufacturers. The attached Activity Paper has been prepared for the rental of electronic data processing equipment necessary to support these operational requirements. The equipment recommended should be adequate to satisfy any demands for EDP support for the foreseeable future. However, the possibility of underestimating the work loads imposed "down stream" has been considered, and provisions are made for increasing EDP capacity at a later date. While cost factors were considered, they were carefully weighed against speed, accuracy and the ability to perform specific operational functions. Happily, the recommended system is the most economical of all systems evaluated. A complete staff study covering this subject is on file in AE/OS/OSA.

3. The total monthly rental cost to Headquarters for the recommended system is approximately $9610, which includes the on-hand equipment (monthly cost $270). An additional expenditure for communications interface equipment, cipher gear and line rental is necessary and will be the subject of a separate paper prepared by the Communications Staff, OSA, upon your approval of this paper.

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4. Recommend that:

a. The Electronic Data Processing Equipment described in attached Activity Paper be approved.

b. Contractual arrangements be completed for delivery of recommended equipment.

c. The Communications Staff, OSA, complete required actions necessary to furnish the support to implement the EDP capability.

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for signed
Chief, Operations Division, OSA

Recommend Approval:

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Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 is approved: 20 AUG 1963

/S/
JACK C. LEIFRED
Colonel USAF
Assistant Director
(Special Activities)

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